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SUBJECT Brieg Airfield and Post

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ANNEXES 1 - sketch

1. Prior to June 1956, alert practices were held at various times at Brieg airfield. The practices were initiated by sounding sirens at the airfield and in town, Soviet officers with stop watches were standing at the Soviet-occupied kasernes to control the alarmed troops.
2. There was occasional night air activity, also in the direction of Ohlau, with searchlights which after the practice flights were trucked to the Reiter Kaserne west of the town.
3. Since August 1955, the Soviet Air Force officers had been wearing a new type of uniform consisting of a light grey jacket with gold embroidery and dark blue trousers.
4. The Reiter Kaserne was occupied to capacity by members of the Soviet Air Force. During the entire day, soldiers were transported by trucks to and from the airfield. It could definitely be observed that the strength of the Soviet Air Force troupe had considerably increased, especially since the fall of 1955. Numerous dependants of Soviet soldiers were living in the following installations:
 - a. In blocks of houses around Fiba-Platz northwest of Reiter Kaserne, occupied since early 1955.
 - b. In Hotel "Feichskrone", Lindenstrasse diagonally opposite the Local Court, occupied since October/November 1955.
 - c. In a large block of houses on Feldstrasse in the southern portion of the town, occupied since winter 1955/1956.
 - d. In a new four-story building on Bismarckstrasse opposite the former revenue office in the western portion of the town, occupied since 1 May 1956.
5. In winter 1955/56 air raid courses, similar to German training courses during World War II, were held for the population.

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Comment. Two Soviet bomber regiments equipped with IL-28s and one Soviet GA regiment equipped with MIG-15s are still believed to be stationed at Brzeg airfield. The new occupation of apartments in Brzeg in late 1955/early 1956 is presumably connected with the arrival of the MIG-15 regiment. For except of town plan with the installations mentioned, see Annex.

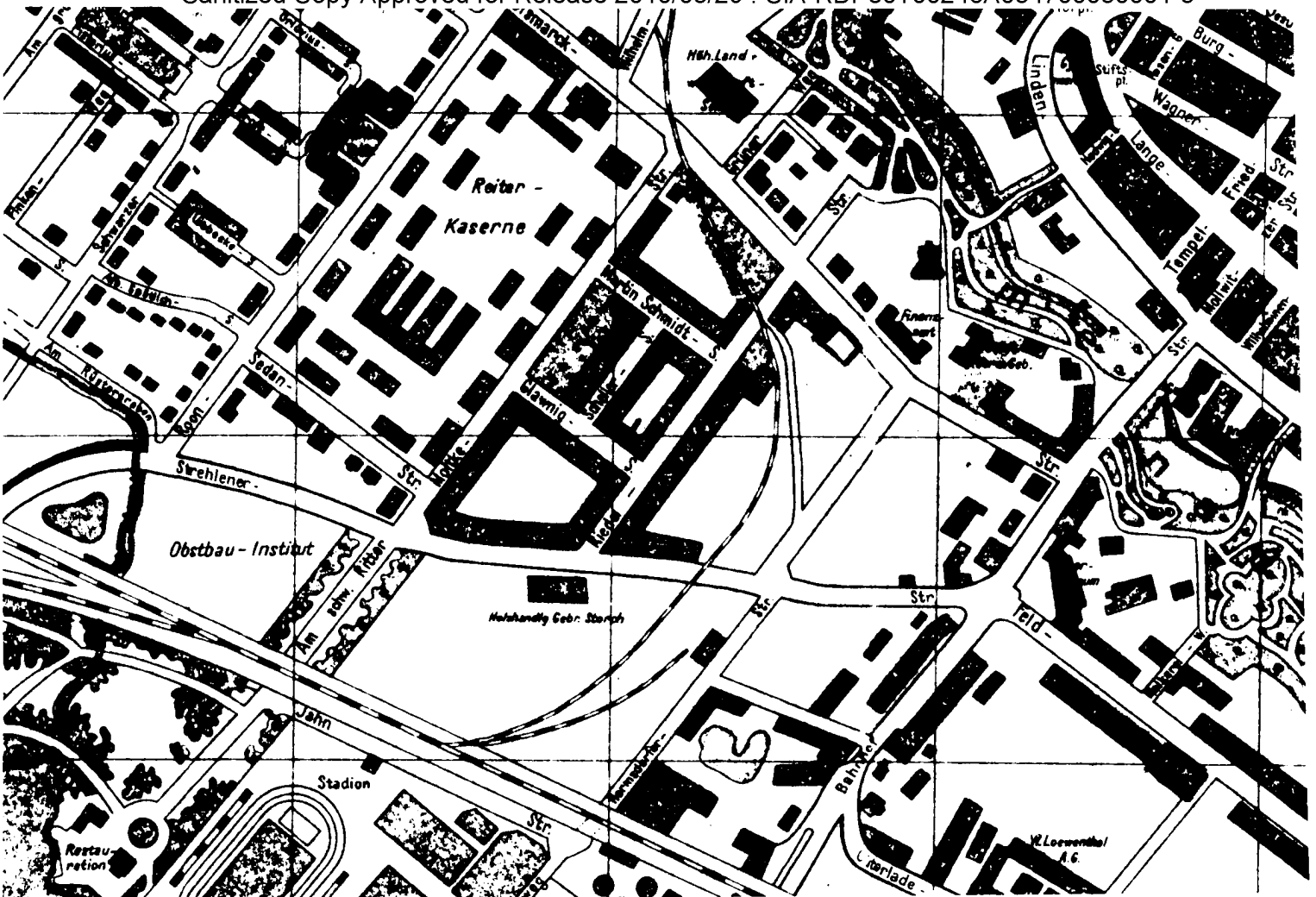
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1 ENCLOSURE
MAP OF THE CITY OF BRZEG

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